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5 INDICTMENTS LAST FRIDAY

Grand Jury Report Brings Total of Indictments to Fifty One

Just before the adjournment of the holidays of the District at Friday, and after the News had gone to press, the grand jury made a report, returning fifteen true bills and twenty-five no-bills. The grand jury also reported that their business was completed.

The court passed sentence on a trial who had pleaded guilty charges preferred in the indictments as follows: Louis McKinley, three to four years for larceny and larceny. George Boyles, one to two years for burglary. Leslie Johnson, one to two years for burglary. The court adjourned till Monday, January 31st, 1910, at which time both petit and grand juries will be called again.

News Will Move.

After this week's issue of the News is off the press, the News Print Shop will be moved into the Salas building on Williams street, one door east of Tuttle & Sons. In our new quarters we will have a larger and better room for our increasing business.

McElmurry-Fenley.

Tuesday afternoon George Fenley closed his tontorial parlors giving the excuse that he had worked hard and long during the past days and was going to himself to a buggy ride. Before starting on the ride he stopped at the Valley Hotel, where he induced Miss Eddie McElmurry to accompany him. Another stop was made at the robe clerk's office, and a third at the Mountain View Rooming house. A latter place Rev. Randolph Carver obligingly said he would join the young people as man and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenley proceeded with their buggy ride, ending at the ranch home northeast of town, where they will make their home. George was back at his place of business on Wednesday ready to wait on his customers, probably a little later than usual, but no kicks were registered at that.

Mr. Fenley as we will have to call him now, is "one of the oldest inhabitants" of the valley, having come here in pioneer days. Mrs. Fenley has been the accommodating waitress at the Valley Hotel, where the many patrons will miss her splendid work. Both have a host of friends who wish them happiness and joy throughout a long life.

To the Penitentiary.

On Monday of this week Sheriff Julius Meyer and Mounted Policeman Collier lodged in the territorial penitentiary Louis McKinley, George Boyles and Leslie Johnson, sentenced last week by Judge McFie in the district court here.

Oratorical Contest.

There will be an oratorical contest at the M. E. Church, Jan. 18th, 1910. Two medals will be given, and two classes, one of six girls and one of six boys will contest for medals.

Visit of Superintendent.

On Wednesday evening, January 5th, 1910, Rev. Samuel Blair, D. D., Superintendent of Methodist Missions in New Mexico, will preach at the local Methodist Church and conduct the first quarterly conference of this conference year. All interested in the work of the church, especially the members of the official board are requested to be present.

Miss Boyer Wins Medal

The Silver Medal Oratorical Contest, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., was held at the M. E. church in Estancia, Thursday evening, December 23rd. There were six contestants, Bessie and Edith Atkinson, Rena Smith, Bessie Boyer, Jeffie Duke and Marie Green. The judges were Judge McFie, of Santa Fe; Mrs. Cluff, of Mountainair, and T. B. Cadwell, of Fort Worth, Texas. There was a good audience and the young ladies did well. The prize medal was awarded to Bessie Boyer. A very neat presentation speech was delivered by Judge McFie.

There is no definite information as to the rumored change of time of trains on the New Mexico Central Railroad. This change will probably not take place before January 15th.

New Mexico Central

We have had so many reports regarding a renewal of operations on the New Mexico Central, which never made good, that everything in that line is now received by the Albuquerque public with a very large grain of allowance. Here is the latest, taken from the current issue of the Railway Age Gazette, which we give for what it is worth:

"An officer of the New Mexico Central Company, formerly the Santa Fe Central, writes that his company has given a contract to the Dominion Construction company, of Pittsburg, Pa., for an extension from Moriarty, New Mexico, west to Albuquerque, forty-five miles, also from Frost to Hagan, fifteen miles."

While we are not prepared to vouch for the foregoing statement, it is not at all improbable. All those familiar with the situation have known for a long time past that the extensions referred to were vitally important to the company, and would be built as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made, and since the officers of the company have been giving their entire attention to the all-important feature of the business for some months past, it is not to be regarded as improbable that they have succeeded in closing the negotiations necessary to enable them to go ahead with the work, and in that case it will not be long before we shall hear the whistle of the locomotive in Tijeras canyon. — Albuquerque Morning Journal.

W. G. T. U. Jan. 4, 1910 Program.

Devotional Services.
Business Meeting.
Paper—Mrs. Paup.
Reading—Mrs. Mason.
Address—Mrs. King.

As this is the first meeting in the New year all members are urged to be present. We are sure you will be benefitted. Visitors are cordially invited. Tuesday afternoon, at the M. E. Church, three o'clock.

MASONS KEEP OPEN HOUSE

Public Installation and Banquet Prove Interesting to Masons and Friends

Last Monday the Masons and friends spent the day at the Masonic Hall. In the forenoon occurred the public installation of the local A. F. & A. M. officers. Then a sumptuous banquet was served and in the afternoon the Eastern Star installed officers.

The Masonic officers for 1910 are: W. M., Earl Woods; S. W., J. W. Brashears; J. W., Earl Scott; Secretary, J. E. Braxton; Treasurer, J. A. Carswell; Deacons, S. H. Zook and Geo. Fenley; Tyler, A. J. Green; Chaplain, J. R. Carver; Stewards, F. H. Ayers and Angus McGillivray.

The Eastern Star officers are: W. M., Mrs. Lasater; A. M., Mrs. Brashears; W. P., John Lasater; Con., Mrs. Booth; A. Con., Mrs. Woods; Secretary, J. W. Brashears; Treasurer, J. A. Carswell; Chaplain, J. R. Carver; Marshall, M. B. Atkinson Adah, Miss Lena Booth.

More Rumors.

Railroad news of special interest to Santa Fe is about to be announced, so street rumor has it. According to report, the New Mexico Central is included in the recent deal by which the Rock Island system gobbled up the Lehigh Valley to get an entrance into Jersey City and New York, and the Wabash, to connect its Chicago line with the Lehigh Valley at Buffalo. In this deal is said to close all traffic arrangement with the Denver & Rio Grande, by which both roads agree to take over the New Mexico Central for \$1,850,000 and the Hagan coal fields of the New Mexico Fuel & Iron Company for an additional half million. The line to Hagan is to be completed within six months, work to begin on or soon after January 15. The deal is also to involve the building of a connection of the Rock Island from Santa Rosa to Moriarty and thence to Algodones via Hagan for close connection with the Santa Fe over which the Rock Island expects to run some of its trains to the coast in case of disagreement with the El Paso and Southwestern and Southern Pacific. As part of the scheme, the Denver & Rio Grande is to be standard gauged from Santa Fe to Antonito, Colo. All this sounds very plausible, but the New Mexican is inclined to skepticism. However, this much seems certain, that some deal involving the New Mexico Central and the Hagan coal fields is pending and is expected to be closed by January 15. The local offices of the New Mexico Central and the Denver & Rio Grande railroads deny all knowledge of the reported deal and declare it is a fairy tale as far as they know.

Col. W. S. Hopewell, vice-president of the New Mexico Central, and president of the New Mexico Fuel Company, has been in Pittsburg, Washington, D. C., and New York in consultation with the prominent eastern financiers. — New Mexican.

Regular services at the M. E. Church next Sunday, preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everybody invited.

J. P. Porter and wife took dinner with Miriam Davis, four and a half miles northwest of Estancia, yesterday, Dec. 30.

Coleman-Pyle.

Miss Willa Mae Coleman and John O. Pyle of Moriarty were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the Mountain View Rooming House, Rev. B. F. Summers, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating. Both are prominent young people of the northern part of the county, where they will make their home.

Good Old Saint Nick

Old Santa Claus did not forget the people of the Estancia Valley last Friday night, and if anybody was overlooked it was because they had been in hiding. At the Baptist Church a tree, well laden with gifts was prepared, which after a well rendered program were distributed to all the little folks. At the Methodist Church a splendid program was given, followed by a royal treat for the little ones, distributed by Old Santa Claus himself. Both Sunday Schools sent gifts to various ones throughout the valley, whose names had been furnished by the old Saint, where Christmas cheer might otherwise have been scant.

At McIntosh the Sunday School gave an enjoyable entertainment after which Santa distributed gifts to everybody present.

Goes to New Field

The attendance at the Agricultural college this year promises to break records for the past few years, according to Dr. W. E. Garrison, president of the school, who spent yesterday in Albuquerque on his way to the educational association meeting at Roswell. Dr. Garrison says the efforts of the school have been devoted the past two years to improving the standard, which has been satisfactorily done and the attendance is now expected to increase. The registration just before Christmas was over three hundred, the largest at that season of any year and the indications are that the school will have a larger attendance for the year than it has known heretofore.

Prof. Tinsley who leaves the school to take up work for the Santa Fe railroad, instructing dry farmers, will be succeeded by Wilbur L. Powers, formerly a member of the agricultural school faculty, but more recently at the Oregon Agricultural college. Mr. Powers has had good training and it is expected that he will fill Prof. Tinsley's position acceptably.

A new member of the faculty has been added in the person of F. I. Bixby, who comes to the school from the interior department of the government to conduct work in irrigation. Mr. Bixby has had a vast experience during the past four years studying the government's projects and this experience fits him for the position he will hold. — Tribune-Citizen.

Royal Neighbors

Local Camp, Royal Neighbors, held the annual election of officers recently with the following result:

Oracle, Mrs. Bennett.
Vice Oracle, Miss Zella Roberts.
Recorder, Mrs. Mason.
Receiver, Mrs. Souders.
Chancellor, Miss Minnie Laws.
Installation will occur during the first week of the new year.

BAPTISTS TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

With Local Church, January 27 to 30. Interesting Program Promised

Thursday, January 27.

7:00 p. m., Devotional Services, J. H. Perrin.

Friday, January 28.

9:00 a. m., Devotional Service, J. T. Collum.

9:30 a. m., Enlargement—Church and Association, W. B. Means and Joe Land.

10:15 a. m., The Pastor as a Church and Denominational Leader, J. A. Land and J. A. Shaw.

11:15 a. m., Sermon, Joe Land, (Alternate, Rev. Walker)

12:00 Noon.

2:00 p. m., Devotional Service, J. S. King.

2:30 p. m., The Relation of Our Churches and Association to World-Wide Missions, D. B. Morrill and Rev. Walker.

3:30 p. m., Our Association as It Is and What We Expect It To Be, J. T. Collum, Rev. Hall and W. C. Grant.

7:00 p. m., Prayer Meeting, led by W. S. Dismar.

7:30 p. m., Sermon, J. A. Shaw (Alternate, W. B. Means).

Saturday, January 29.

9:00 a. m., Devotional Service, Brother Varney.

9:30 a. m., Our Women as a Force in Evangelizing the World, Mrs. King, of Estancia; Mrs. Maxwell, and Mrs. J. S. King, of Vaughn.

10:15 a. m., The Sunday School as a Factor in the Building Up of Our Churches, J. S. King, Brother Howell and Joe Land.

11:15 a. m., Sermon, J. W. Johnson (Alternate, J. R. Terry)

12:00 Noon.

2:00 p. m., Devotional Service, Sherman Carmony.

2:30 p. m., Our Relation to Territorial Missions, P. W. Longfellow, J. W. Johnson and Joe Land.

3:30 p. m., Board Meeting. All Board Members earnestly requested to be present.

7:00 p. m., Devotional Service, led by Mrs. J. A. Corn.

7:30 p. m., Sermon, J. A. Land.

Sunday, January 30.

10:00 a. m., Sunday School.

11:00 a. m., Sermon, P. W. Longfellow (Alternate, Joe Land)

2:30 p. m., Temperance Rally, led by J. W. Johnson, Brother Walker and W. B. Means.

7:00 p. m., Devotional Service, President of B. Y. P. U. of Estancia.

7:30 p. m., Sermon, J. A. Shaw (Alternate, J. W. Johnson).

Brethren, let's all come and have a spiritual feast together. Let's pray that the Spirit of God may be with us in great power. W. C. Grant.

For Committee.

Estancia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 28, held a public installation of officers on last Monday, the families of the Masons and the members of the local I. O. O. F. Lodge and their families being guests of the Masons at a banquet at noon. A veritable feast was enjoyed at which the piece de resistance was turkey and roast pig. Although the crowd thronged the hall to overflowing there was a plenty of everything, including the good time.

To see the Old Year out and the New Year in, attend the Grand Ball New Year's Eve.

Local Gossip

Thomas E. White was in from the foothills Tuesday.

Wm. D. Dow, the merchant of Tajique, was in town Tuesday.

The ladies of the Catholic Church will serve a fine lunch New Year's Eve.

W. H. Long, T. A. Roley, W. W. Wagner and O. W. Duer, were in town Tuesday.

Messrs Sanders and Bagley with their families will leave shortly for Las Animas, Colorado.

Ralph G. Roberson came in from Frederick, Okla., where he has been since November, looking after his insurance.

W. C. Parker is now a widower pro tem. Mrs. Parker was called to Albuquerque on account of the sickness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth, who arrived recently from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have taken charge of the Mountain View Rooming House.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, parents of our deputy sheriff, arrived here last Friday from Delta county, Colo., on a visit. We would be glad to have them locate in the Valley.

Miss Maude Handcock, who holds a position as teacher in the Santa Fe schools, has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hancock, south of town. She will return to the Ancient City to take up her work again next Sunday.

Our cold weather hangs on well. An old farmer remarked that we have at least two good indications for good crops in the valley next year. One is that last season being very dry, we will most likely have plenty of moisture the coming year, and the other, that good crops almost invariably follow a cold winter. So mote it be.

What might have been a serious runaway occurred on Main St., Tuesday. Judge Nisbett's sorrel carriage team got loose in some way, and started down the street, but before getting very far collided with a heavy wagon, and almost turned it over, which checked their speed until they could be caught. No damages.

Our subscription list is growing nicely. Our offer to furnish the oldest, largest, newsiest paper in the county to new subscribers, for one dollar per year, cash in advance, is bringing them in lively. This offer will continue through the month of January, 1910. We still have room for a few more.

Wm M. McCoy has been appointed postmaster at Mountainair, the appointment having been confirmed this week. Congratulations, Will.